



### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A method of expanding a population of stem or progenitor cells, the method comprising steps of:

providing at least one stem or progenitor cell with less than wild type p21 activity; and  
expanding the cell population.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing comprises:

providing a stem or progenitor cell; and  
disrupting the cell's p21 gene.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing comprises:

providing a stem or progenitor cell; and  
contacting the cell with an agent, wherein the agent inhibits p21 activity.

4. (Currently amended) A method of expanding a population of cells, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one stem or progenitor cell with less than wild type p27 activity and less than wild type p21 activity; and  
expanding the cell population.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of providing comprises:  
providing a cell; and  
disrupting p27 and p21 genes.

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